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The headline on a Rolling Stone article published May 10 was simple: “St. Louis is burning.”

The story describes the waste burning underground at Republic Services Inc.’s Bridgeton Landfill as giving off “a putrid odor that clouds the air miles away — an overwhelming stench described by one area woman as ‘rotten eggs mixed with skunk and fertilizer.’”

It also quotes another resident who said it “smells like dead bodies.”

The fire at the landfill is burning near 8,700 tons of nuclear weapons waste, and the landfill itself is about 1,200 feet south of the West Lake Landfill Environmental Protection Agency Superfund site, which holds radioactive waste, according to the Rolling Stone article. The story brought up concerns by citizens about what could happen if the fire reaches the atomic waste.

Republic Services has come to an agreement with Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster to follow a schedule to reduce the landfill’s odor, provide temporary lodging for residents within a one-mile radius of the landfill during removal of reinforced concrete pipes and reimburse state agencies for monitoring and sampling of the air and ground at the site, Koster said.

